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REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in the instant application. Claims 8-12 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-7 and 13-17 stand rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has indicated that a complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action.

Applicant has canceled claims 8-12 herein.

Rejection of claims 1-5 and 9-11 under 35 USC 103(a) (McBride or AAPA in view of Briggs)

Claims 1-7 and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McBride or Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Briggs. The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to utilize the LDPE adhesive of Briggs in the laminate of McBride or AAPA.

Neither McBride, AAPA nor Briggs teach or suggest "a flexible planar laminate comprising a layer of kraft paper to which is adhered a vapor barrier layer...to which is adhered an adhesive layer of low melting point polymer..." as Applicants claim. The references fail to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed materials adhered together in the manner as Applicant has claimed and further having the claimed water vapor transmission rates.

McBride teaches an insulation assembly having exterior covers on opposite sides of the insulation. The exterior covers may be polyethylene, kraft paper or Mylar (cols. 4-5, lines 65-5). AAPA teach a glass wool blanket having a kraft paper/polyethylene vapor barrier. Briggs teach a rigid foam product which is faced with metal foil. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not teach